

BANKRUPTCY CASE BEING TRIED

A Verdict Was Rendered in Favor of the Plaintiffs

The case of the First National Bank of Monett et al vs the Patterson Milling Company to throw the company into bankruptcy went to trial before Judge Van Valkenburgh in Federal court at Joplin, Friday morning. The petition was filed by the First National Bank of Monett, Lehnhard Investment Company, Ora Teel, Leonard Teel, H. S. Horine, and a commission firm in St. Louis, in June 1915.

The milling company is represented by Roscoe Patterson, of Springfield and the plaintiffs have as attorneys D. S. Mayhew, of Monett and Howard Gray, of Carthage.

The first part of the trial was to determine whether or not the Patterson Milling Company is a co-partnership.

The defendants claim that the mill is owned by G. M. Patterson, of Springfield and that J. W. and G. N. Patterson have been operating the mill for him. The petition was filed against the company as a co-partnership and if it is proven that Mr. Patterson is sole owner a new petition will have to be filed.

The plaintiff's witnesses were examined, Friday and the defendant's witnesses are being examined today. It is expected that the trial will be finished today.

Later:—A message from Joplin at noon today gave the news that the court had decided in favor of the plaintiffs and the Patterson Milling Company was declared bankrupt. A trustee will be appointed to take charge of the mill and the farm owned by J. W. Patterson.

FLAT CREEK ITEMS

We are having lots of rain at this writing. Flat creek is past fording and will be for some days; not as high as it was last summer.

Singing at Cedar Bluff last Sunday night was well attended and a good singing led by Oscar Bennett and Will Jackson.

Several of the neighbors in the vicinity of Cedar Bluff heard something hollowing which they took to be a panther. There should be a search made for it.

Earl Brown of near Star City went to Jasper county last week, but has returned now.

Emmanuel Twillingear and family visited with O. P. Brite and family, last Sunday.

Three more weeks of school at Cedar Bluff. The teacher, Mr. Harrison Truhitte, and students, are arranging for an entertainment the last day.

Columbus Linn has moved from Joplin to the vicinity of Cedar Bluff and is going to farm the coming year. His face looks very familiar as he was raised from boyhood in this locality.

James Marbut and Bob Dummit camped with O. P. Brite one night last week with a fine bunch of cattle which they were driving in from the south.

W. W. Dyer and John Martin of Little Flat creek passed up the creek one day last week enroute for Cassville.

Will Willmouth and Rufus McNeil are sawing wood for the farmers in this vicinity. They have a new saw and are doing fine work.

Geo. Hilton is still in the sick list but is improving.

Will Jackson and wife spent Sunday with Will Hemphill and family.

Several from this vicinity attended the W. O. W. Lodge meeting and supper at Cassville Monday night and report a fine time and lots to eat.

Will Rausch of near Monett was in this vicinity in his Ford car one day last week when the creeks were rather high and having a good Ford he was soon through the creek and splitting the mud for home.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness to us during the illness and at the death of our dear mother.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Thoenes,
A. J. Stallings,
Mrs. M. Shaffer,
Will and Tom Norton,
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ryan,
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maher.

MENACE PUBLISHERS ARE FREED

Jury Acquits Editors of Charges Involving Mail Law Violations

Joplin, Jan. 15.—The publishers of The Menace, an anti-Catholic paper published at Aurora, were given a verdict of not guilty by a jury in Federal Court, Friday. The charge was of violating the postal regulations by sending obscene matter through the mails.

The accused men were Marvin Brown, managing editor of the Menace; Wilbur F. Phelps, business manager; Theodore C. Walker, editor, and Bruce M. Phelps, formerly superintendent of the plant.

The case has been a hard fought contest throughout. The jury reached its decision after eight hours deliberation.

JONES-HUDSON

Barton A. Jones and Miss Helen G. Hudson, both of Monett, were married at Carthage, Wednesday, January 12. They returned to Monett Friday morning and have rooms at Dr. Hawkins' residence.

Mrs. Jones has been working as stenographer in the law office of Mayhew & Sater and when she announced that she was going to visit at Joplin it was not known that she intended to marry while away.

Mr. Jones is in the employ of the Frisco, with a run from Monett to Paris, Tex.

BASKET BALL GAME

The basket ball games here, Friday night, between the Marionville College and Monett high school boys and girls, resulted in victory for the visitors.

The Monett girls played a good game but one of their team was taken out because of rough playing and not having a player to put in her place, the game was forfeited to the visitors.

The Monett boys lost the game by a score of 37 to 17. Some brilliant playing marked both games.

COUNCIL MEETING

At the meeting of the council this week the city clerk was instructed to reduce the valuation on lots 18 and 20, block 11, Original Townsite of Monett to \$1,500 to conform to the county collectors tax books of 1915.

The city clerk was also instructed to collect \$20.00 per year occupation tax on wholesale hay dealers, the same to be paid quarterly.

An extension of time was granted M. E. Gillioz to complete the macadamizing of Frisco avenue.

ROCK CRUSHER OF MONETT SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

The commissioners of the Monett Special Road District, Friday night, completed a deal for a rock crusher. The crusher, with screens, bins, elevators and everything complete, was purchased from the Austin Western Road Machinery Company, of Chicago, through their agent, J. E. Williams.

The commissioners some time ago secured a lease of the rock quarry on the Meador land south of town, and the rock there will be used in improving the roads in this district.

HAD A BAD FALL

Mrs. Victoria Avaro Sheffer, who is housekeeper for Mrs. G. W. McIntosh, fell on the ice, Thursday evening and struck the back of her head on a rock. She was unconscious for a time. She is not seriously injured and will be all right in a few days.

Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion, take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Eula G. Hickman Mt. Vernon
Clarence Hadley Aurora
Gladys O'Kelly Aurora

Suits, suits, suits! Gulicks, Gulick's, Gulick's!

OBITUARY

Geo. W. Montgomery died Monday, Jan. 10 at the home of his son, Walter Montgomery living north of Verona. He was born in Murray county, Ga., Feb. 11, 1841. He was married to Emily Nix in Georgia in 1862 and soon after moved to Missouri. His wife died some 16 years ago since which time he made his home with his children. He was a member of the Baptist church having professed religion in early life. He was the father of 8 children all of whom are christians, belonging to the Baptist church and all were present at the funeral. They are Walter Montgomery, J. T. Montgomery, Mrs. Mary Lee, Mrs. J. F. Lee, Mrs. G. A. Allen, Mrs. Barney Smith, Mrs. Abe Kerr and Mrs. Otto Tubbs.

Mr. Montgomery was a veteran of the Civil War and lived for a number near Verona, where he was recognized as an industrious, honest, upright and influential citizen, a kind accommodating friend and neighbor.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Lennard of Mt. Vernon at the Lee Church and the remains were laid to rest in that cemetery.—Verona Advocate.

PEIRCE CITY MILLER DIES

J. W. Vance, 61, Succumbs in a Hospital at This Place

J. W. Vance, one of the most widely known millers in the southwest and a wealthy citizen of Peirce City, died from appendicitis at 6:45 o'clock Friday night in Dr. West's hospital. He underwent an operation last Saturday night and it was believed that he was recovering, but a relapse developed.

Mr. Vance came to southwest Missouri from Illinois about forty years ago and engaged in milling. He acquired considerable wealth and at his death was vice president of the Lawrence County bank at Peirce City. He was 61 years old. Surviving relatives are a widow and three daughters, Mrs. Arch McConnell, Mrs. C. W. Martin and Mrs. R. P. McReynolds; two brothers, E. C. Vance and Walter Vance, and a half-brother, J. A. Vance, all of Peirce City.

Funeral services will be held in the Congregational church at Peirce City, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

PEIRCE CITY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cole of Monett spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. John Seufert.

Will Thielen came in the first of the week from Moberly to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Thielen. He will be here until about February 1.

Mrs. Carl Glassford returned Monday night from Monett where she had been spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith.

Father Brady left Wednesday to take up his duties in the parish at Shackleford. Father Curran of Webb City will have charge of St. Patrick's church here.

Mrs. W. J. Dow of Washington, D. C., came in Tuesday morning from Cassville where she was recently called by the serious illness of her father. She will return to Washington the last of the week.—Journal.

JURY ACQUITS SEVIER

W. S. Sevier was on trial Friday morning on charge of operating a moving picture show on Sunday, Jan. 2, which is contrary to the city ordinances. Mr. Sevier did not employ a lawyer and defended himself. The jury, which consisted of Charles Vaughn, W. R. Smith, L. C. Cox, J. L. Greer, Solon Wright and F. M. Taylor returned a verdict of acquittal, the first four named being in favor and the last two against acquitting Mr. Sevier.

We understand the defendant did not deny the charge and that his operated testified that he ran the machine on the day in question. We do not know on what grounds the jury based their decision.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott, of the Mendon Springs stock farm, have returned from the East where they purchased a car load of Jersey cattle. They had the pick out of fifty head. They sold a car load of Jerseys to Oklahoma paries this week.

LAWRENCE COUNTY COURT

The O. O. Branstetter road being shown to be in good condition for public travel, is ordered opened within 30 days.

Returns of the Miller special district election being cast show 137 for and 77 against, ordered that said district be created.

George Scott admitted to the county farm.

Peter Weaver appointed justice of the peace for Turnback township.

Mayor and city council of Miller met with the county court and appointed commissioners for Miller special road district as follows: R. M. Gass, 1 year; Geo. Hobbs, 2 years; Samuel Prater, 3 years.

Warrant for \$300.25 drawn on the Peirce township bond fund, in favor of the county clerk, to pay interest on bonds.

On petition of W. F. Sater et al a special election was ordered to be held on Saturday, January 29, 1916, to vote on the proposed extension of the Miller special road district, all voters residing in Greene township to vote at Phelps and all voters of Lincoln township to vote at Miller. Judges for Phelps; L. W. Simpson, Elmer Tartar R. S. Morgan; Judges at Miller: Jas. McPherson, J. L. Stinson, J. D. Morgan.

Ordered by the court that the State Auditor be requested to draw his warrant for \$3,087.48, the amount of the supplemental school apportionment.

Warrant for \$50 ordered drawn on the road and bridge fund in favor of I. J. Holmes for damages on A. C. Arney road.

HIGH WATER IMPRISONED TWO IN MILL

High water at Bowers Mill last Wednesday caused Jesse Adams and Walter Dennison to have a rather unique experience. They operate the Forsythe mill which furnishes electric current to that town, LaRussell and Sarcoxie. The mill is situated on the bank of Spring river, the waters of which furnish power to the turbine wheel by which the power is generated.

Tuesday's heavy rains caused Spring river to overflow and before the two men knew it there was a large bank of water between them and the shore. Fences were washed out, making it dangerous for horses to be driven through the flood and no boats were available, all these being anchored out in the stream. There was therefore nothing to do but remain in the mill. They had fuel for fire and everything necessary for comfort excepting something to eat, so they were forced to make an involuntary fast from Monday evening until Thursday morning when the waters abated and they were released from their imprisonment.

The high water also prevented the turbine wheel from running and the towns supplied by light from the plant had to remain in darkness for the time being.—Sarcoxie Record.

VERONA NEWS

Verona poultrymen winning premiums at the Ozark Poultry Show held at Aurora last week were W. C. Montgomery capturing 7 premiums on Rhode Island Reds J. T. Lemert 5 on Black Langshans, O. O. Branstetter 9 premiums on White Minorcas, D. S. Browning 9 on Buff Orpingtons.—Advocate.

HUMPHREYS'

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AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Shadd, of Purdy, were in Monett, Thursday.

James K. Looney, of Peirce City, age 73 years, died January 4.

Ruby Hoover is visiting his brother, Homer, at Sapulpa, Ok.

Mrs. Sorenson left Saturday night to join her husband at Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. John Henderson of Kings Prairie, was in Monett, Saturday.

B. Vermillion, of Washburn, was in town, Saturday.

D. A. Peters is at home with a light attack of appendicitis.

W. H. Worthington, of Purdy, was in town, Saturday.

Edgar Jackson of Purdy, was in Monett, Saturday.

Mrs. G. M. Wood went to Sarcoxie, Saturday, to visit her brother, S. P. Burris, and family.

Mrs. Dan Buchanan, of Purdy, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Smith Bouldin.

L. N. Herrod returned Friday from an extended trip through Colorado, Kansas, Iowa and Northern Missouri.

Miss Vera Chapell, of Wichita, Kan., is visiting her uncle, S. A. Chapell, and family.

Ed Herron was able to walk as far as Nordin's store, Saturday, for the first time in six weeks.

Mrs. N. A. Gahn and Mrs. Ennis Wormington were shopping here, Friday.

Herbert Bass, who works as brakeman out of Rogers, Ark., is laying off and visiting home folks here.

Mrs. L. E. Viles, who visited her granddaughters here a few days has gone to Galena, to visit relatives.

Will Reardon left Friday morning for a visit with friends in Springfield. From there he will go St. Louis to visit his brother.

Ed Henderson went to St. Louis, Friday night, to take a mail clerk's examination. He will go from there to Kansas on a visit.

Rev. David B. Jones has resigned as pastor of the Baptist church at Peirce City and will go to Springfield to accept the pastorate of the Pythian Avenue Baptist church.

Ellen Wooten, the ten year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Wooten, of Peirce City, was severely scalded Tuesday, by upsetting a tea-kettle of boiling water on herself.

H. W. Fly returned Friday morning from Kansas City, where he attended a meeting of the Implement and Hardware Dealers Association.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gleeves of Marshall Hill, died Thursday night. Interment was made this afternoon in the Westbay cemetery.

In the case of Smerdon vs Lewis, tried in Justice court, Thursday, the jury rendered a verdict for the defendant.

Mrs. Charles Galloway had an acute attack of appendicitis, Thursday, and was taken to Dr. West's hospital, where the appendix was removed Friday morning. She is doing nicely at present.

While you are dancing around and slapping your hands together in an effort to keep warm, just bear in mind that the grip worm is also having an uncomfortable time of it during this cold snap.—Carthage Press.

E. J. Miller, of St. Louis, has purchased Chas. McCracken's interest in the McCracken & Weathers barber shop in the Jones hotel building. Mr. McCracken is working at present in the Elliot & Rutherford barber shop.

We have been informed, but have not been able to investigate, that three horses were left tied to a tree in Callan's addition one cold night this week and that they froze to death. The parties owning them were supposed to be horse traders.

Mrs. Lucy Gladden has again resumed the management of the Gladden Hotel at Seligman. For some reason the gentleman who took charge and expected to conduct the hotel for a year, withdrew from the business.—Eureka Springs Times-Echo.

Black Brothers' bloodhounds were called to Bernice, Ok., Thursday morning where they did very good work by furnishing a strong clue relative to the safe blowing which occurred in one of the mercantile stores there the previous night. Melvin Black and John Murray made the trip with the hounds.—Peirce City Journal.

SHOAL CREEK OUT OF ITS BANKS

Neosho, Jan. 14.—Nearly four inches of rain fell in Neosho and vicinity Tuesday and Tuesday night, with the result that the water in Shoal creek reached the highest point it has for several years and spread all over the bottoms. Hickory creek was also higher than it has been for some time.

The tracks of the Frisco and Kansas City Southern were under water and the former had not been able to get a train into Neosho from the east for 48 hours up to yesterday morning. The south bound Kansas City Southern passenger Wednesday morning came in on time, but Shoal continued to rise and the evening train was unable to get through. The north bound K. C. S. passenger was routed around over the Frisco by way of Afton and the south bound yesterday morning came in six hours late, the water having by that time receded sufficiently to allow the passage of trains. The first train to come over the road between Joplin and Neosho after the high water was a M. & N. A. freight yesterday morning.

It is thought that from now on the railroads entering Neosho will have no trouble in operating their train on schedule time.

Bert Ash has returned from a business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. B. Conley is visiting her sister Mrs. McDonald, in St. Louis.

Commenting on the statement that "the road to hell is always kept in good repair," a number of Arkansas exchanges have noted that none of the country roads in their neighborhood seem to be headed in that direction if "good repair" is one of the essentials.—Rogers Democrat.

A large number of Monett people went to Peirce City, Sunday to attend the funeral of J. W. Vance.

GOOD BACKS FOR BAD

Monett Residents Are Learning How To Exchange the Old Back For a Stronger One

Does your back ache, feel weak and painful? Do you suffer headaches, languor and depression? Is the urine discolored, passages irregular? The kidneys may be calling for help. Weak kidneys cannot do their work. Give them the help they need. To cure a kidney backache you must cure the kidneys. Use a tested and proven kidney remedy. Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test.

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